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ROME FOR FODAG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EIAD, US, LA, UNDP, WFP, EAGR

SUBJECT: THE LPDR'S FOOD NEED

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REF: VIENTIANE 405

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1. REFTTEL INDICATES LPDR HAS PROBABLY RECEIVED PLEDGES FOR
AS MUCH FOOD AID AS LAOS CAN ABSORB AND DISTRIBUTE EFFEC-
TIVELY DURING 1978 AND THAT WFP IS DELAYING FURTHER \$8

MILLION OF RICE AID TO LAOS TO SEE HOW FOOD ALREADY ARRIVING IS DELIVERED, STORED AND DISTRIBUTED.

2. IF THESE INDICATIONS ARE ACCURATE, DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT CONSIDERATION OF IMMEDIATE U.S. FOOD AID FOR LAOS FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS IS NO LONGER NECESSARY. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE SEEK FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM UNDP/VIENTIANE AND WFP/FAO ROME THAT LAO EMERGENCY FOOD AID APPEAL HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY MET AND THAT ADDITIONAL FOOD AID FOR LAOS NOT BEING SOUGHT AT THIS TIME. IF UNDP AND WFP CONFIRM THIS SITUATION, WE WILL SEND SUBSEQUENT INSTRUCTION TO EMBASSY VIENTIANE ON APPROACH TO LAO MFA ON FOOD SITUATION.

3. FOR FODAG ROME: DRAWING ON INFORMATION REPORTED REFTEL, REQUEST YOU APPROACH FAO/WFP OFFICIALS WHO ARE HANDLING LAO PROGRAM TO SEEK TO CONFIRM FORMALLY WFP UNDERSTANDING INDICATED REFTEL THAT MORE FOOD AID FOR LAOS NOT REPEAT NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN QUESTION OF U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR FOOD AID FOR LAOS IS STILL REPEAT STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION, SO THAT USG NEEDS BEST ESTIMATE ABOUT CURRENT AND PROJECTED SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY FOOD AID TO LAOS.

4. FOR EMBASSY VIENTIANE: AS REQUESTED REFTEL, EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK FORMAL JUDGMENT FROM UNDP THAT
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DROUGHT EMERGENCY FOOD APPEAL FOR LAOS HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY MET. BECAUSE OF CHANGE IN FOOD APPEAL CIRCUMSTANCES CHARGE MAY POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF INFORMAL APPROACH TO LAO AS OUTLINED STATE 82747.
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